

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

FEB 08 2007

**HAMRE, SCHUMANN,
MUELLER & LARSON, P.C.**
AN INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FIRM

FAX TRANSMISSION February 8, 2007

TO: Mail Stop: AMENDMENT
Examiner: TRAN
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: Douglas P. Mueller

OUR REF: 20039.0009USC1

TELEPHONE: (612) 455.3800

Total pages, including cover letter:

11

PTO FAX NUMBER: 571.273.8300

If all pages are NOT received, please call us at 612.455.3800 or fax us at 612.455.3801.

Title of Document: **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE; PETITION FOR EXTENSION**Applicant: SHIMIZU ET AL.
Serial No.: 10/017755
App. Filed: October 30, 2001
Group Art No.: 1615
Conf. No.: 1478

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-5478 in the amount of \$1,020.00 for three-month extension. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-5478. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers if appropriate.

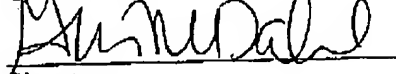
By: 

Name: Douglas P. Mueller

Reg. No.: 50,300

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Gina M. Dahl


SignatureFebruary 8, 2007
Date225 SOUTH SIXTH STREET • SUITE 2650 • MINNEAPOLIS • MN 55402
TEL 612.455.3800 • FAX 612.455.3801
WWW.HSML.COM • MAIL@HSML.COM